

(1) DESIGNATE THE GEOGRAPHIC HEALTH SERVICE AREAS WITHIN THE STATE PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL ACT.

(2) CONSULT WITH THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE AREA WIDE HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCIES FOR THE HEALTH SERVICE AREAS OF THE STATE.

(3) IMPLEMENT ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL ACT THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO HIM BY THE ACT OR BY THIS SUBTITLE.

(4) DIRECT THE COOPERATION OF ANY STATE OFFICER OF AGENCY WITH THE STATE AGENCY AND THE COUNCIL, IF NECESSARY TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FUNCTIONS REQUIRED OF EITHER AGENCY BY THE FEDERAL ACT AND THIS SUBTITLE.

59H. STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL.

(A) THE STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL IS CREATED. THE COUNCIL IS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT FOR BUDGETARY PURPOSES ONLY.

(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL ACT.

(C) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL ACT OR THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) APPROVE THE ANNUAL STATE HEALTH PLAN PREPARED BY THE STATE AGENCY IN COOPERATION WITH THE COUNCIL; AND

(3) ACT AS AN ADVISORY BODY TO THE STATE AGENCY.

59-I. FEDERAL FUNDS.

(A) THE STATE AGENCY AND THE COUNCIL MAY ACCEPT FEDERAL FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THE STATE AGENCY AND THE COUNCIL SHALL COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL ACT AND STATE LAW.

59J. CERTIFICATE OF NEED.

(A) (1) A PERSON OR HEALTH CARE FACILITY MAY NOT DEVELOP, CREATE, OR PARTICIPATE IN A HEALTH CARE PROJECT UNLESS THE STATE AGENCY HAS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR THE PROJECT.

(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A HEALTH